



Welcome to St. John's Christian Church

"The Church on the Corner Whose Cornerstone is Christ"



**Raegan
Rutledge**

"How Isaiah 41:10
Speaks to Me"



Joshua Reeb

"Salvation - My
Salvation"

Presentation Sunday

Leah Nafziger

"What I Believe
About God"



**Ollie
MacDonald**

"My Favorite
Stories in the Bible"



*We are a community of faith founded upon God's Holy Word,
preaching salvation through believing in Christ as our Savior.*

We seek to live in God's truth, being obedient to His Word and following in His ways.

Presentation Sunday

Lighting of the Altar Candles and Ringing of the Tower Bells

Welcome and Announcements

Scripture and Prayer of Invocation

Exodus 3:9-14, Psalm 25:1-5, Romans 14:9-12

Raegan Rutledge

Prelude

"Jesus Medley"

†Call to Worship (L-Leader; *P-People*)

Written by Ava Genter

L: Lord, we give you our hearts as you give us your love.

P: We gather in your love.

L: You give us your strength when we are weak.

P: We have power from your love.

L: You help us see when we are blind.

P: We have trust within your love.

L: You never let us down when we think we are through.

P: You give us hope within your love.

L: So, since God is always for us,

P: Who is against us?

L: God's love has been poured out in to our hearts through the Holy Spirit,

P: Who has been given to us. Amen.

†(8:00) Hymns of Praise

#554, "I'll Fly Away"

#202, "Amazing Grace"

†(10:30) Songs of Praise

"Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone"

"10,000 Reasons"

†Unison Prayer - *O Lord our God, as we worship on this year's Presentation Sunday, let us be reminded of your instruction to the Israelites through your servant Moses as they entered the Promised Land. As Ollie, Leah, Joshua and Raegan share of their faith in you, we are able to witness the living out of the Shema from Deuteronomy 6. We thank you for their parents and families who have striven to impress your word upon their children. We thank you for the ministries of the church that strive to teach and model your commandment to "love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength." We thank you for the grace of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior, and the guidance of your Holy Spirit, who continue to work upon and through the hearts of these four youth, as well as upon us as your people. All praise, glory and honor to you, O God. Amen.*

Children’s Message	Leah Nafziger and Raegan Rutledge
2021 Class Creed	Leah Nafziger
Morning Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer (debts/debtors)	Joshua Reeb
†Hymn	#213, “Because He Lives”
Scripture Readings	Romans 1:16-17, Hebrews 11:1-3, Matthew 17:14-20 Ollie MacDonald
Presentations	
“What I Believe About God” - Leah Nafziger	
“My Favorite Stories in the Bible” - Ollie MacDonald	
“Salvation - My Salvation” - Joshua Reeb	
“How Isaiah 41:10 Speaks to Me” - Raegan Rutledge	
Offertory Sentence and Prayer of Dedication	Ollie MacDonald
Offertory	“Into My Heart”
†Closing Song	#404, “The Solid Rock”
†Benediction	Joshua Reeb
†Benediction in Song	#244, “The Trees of the Fields”
†Postlude	“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”

Congregational Prayer

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A modified version of the Unison Prayer - O Lord our God, having heard from Ollie, Leah, Joshua and Raegan in worship on Sunday, instill within us an awareness of your instruction to the Israelites through your servant Moses as they entered the Promised Land. As the confirmands spoke of their faith in you, we were able to witness the living out of the Shema from Deuteronomy 6. We thank you for their parents and families who have striven to impress your word upon their children. We thank you for the ministries of the church that strive to teach and model your commandment to “love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.” We thank you for the grace of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior, and the guidance of your Holy Spirit, who continue to work upon and through the hearts of these four youth, as well as upon us as your people. All praise, glory and honor to you, O God. Amen.

Scripture Readings

Exodus 3:9-14 And now the cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them. ¹⁰ So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt." ¹¹ But Moses said to God, "Who am I, that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" ¹² And God said, "I will be with you. And this will be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God on this mountain." ¹³ Moses said to God, "Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' Then what shall I tell them?" ¹⁴ God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: 'I AM has sent me to you.'"

Psalms 25:1-5 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; ² in you I trust, O my God. Do not let me be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me. ³ No one whose hope is in you will ever be put to shame, but they will be put to shame who are treacherous without excuse. ⁴ Show me your ways, O Lord, teach me your paths; ⁵ guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long.

Romans 14:9-12 For this very reason, Christ died and returned to life so that he might be the Lord of both the dead and the living. ¹⁰ You, then, why do you judge your brother? Or why do you look down on your brother? For we will all stand before God's judgment seat. ¹¹ It is written: "'As surely as I live,' says the Lord, 'every knee will bow before me; every tongue will confess to God.'" ¹² So then,

each of us will give an account of himself to God.

Romans 1:16-17 I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile. ¹⁷ For in the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed, a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: "The righteous will live by faith."

Hebrews 11:1-3 Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. ² This is what the ancients were commended for. ³ By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.

Matthew 17:14-20 When they came to the crowd, a man approached Jesus and knelt before him. ¹⁵ "Lord, have mercy on my son," he said. "He has seizures and is suffering greatly. He often falls into the fire or into the water. ¹⁶ I brought him to your disciples, but they could not heal him." ¹⁷ "O unbelieving and perverse generation," Jesus replied, "how long shall I stay with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring the boy here to me." ¹⁸ Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of the boy, and he was healed from that moment. ¹⁹ Then the disciples came to Jesus in private and asked, "Why couldn't we drive it out?" ²⁰ He replied, "Because you have so little faith. I tell you the truth, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you."

Confirmation Class Creed

As an expression of our growing knowledge about God and the Christian Church, we share the following statement of our beliefs:

We believe that there is one God alone, the Triune God of Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who is known to us as the "Great I Am," the "Good Shepherd," the "Suffering Servant," the "Mediator" and the "King of Kings and Lord of Lords." God's powers and love are so great and supreme that they surpass all of our understanding.

We know that with God we are never alone, for we believe that his love is everywhere and that he will always love us, for we know God's and Jesus' love are unconditional. We know of God's love for us through the death of Jesus on the cross, dying for our sins as he conquered death, so that if we believe in him, death shall not conquer us. We know that Jesus gave up his life so that we could live ours worry free. As all humans are imperfect and sinful, we believe in the need for salvation through Christ as we come to him and ask for forgiveness of our sins. We know that someday in God's time, Jesus will come back for all who believe and take them to his kingdom in heaven where all will be made new and perfect according to the will of the Lord.

We also believe that in a way, the Christian church, as the Body of Christ, is the current establishment of God's kingdom here on earth. For us, the church symbolizes shelter and sanctuary for believers to come together and worship God in peace. The church's mission is to spread the word of Christ, and we cannot be ashamed of the gospel, but must share the gospel with others. The church must have its armor on, to fight for souls, and to have the desire to follow Christ instead of the world.

Today's Worship Servants

Accompanist	(Both) Buffy Riley
Song Leaders	(Both) Roger Zimmerman, Joshua Reeb
Acolyte	(Both) Leah Nafziger
Easy Worship	(Both) Tom Hines
Sound Tech	(8:00) Kelly Ducey (10:30) James Grime
Live Stream Tech	(10:30) Ryan Christman
Head Usher	Dave Walker
8:00AM Usher	Linda Heer
10:30AM Ushers	Paul & Joan Lovejoy, Roger & Mary Zimmerman

Welcome!

Guests and Visitors

Welcome to SJCC! We are so glad you have chosen to join us as we worship the Lord together. We hope you feel God's love in a new, refreshing way. You can learn more about our church by visiting the "New to SJCC" page on our website at www.stjohnsarchbold.org/newtosjcc or by picking up a copy of "Getting to Know St. John's Christian Church: Visitor Brochure" at the literature rack near the office.

Mother's Room/Diaper Changing Station/Nursery Care

We have a Mother's Room located outside of the sanctuary. We kindly ask you to sanitize items after use (i.e. changing pad, toys, etc.) using the wipes provided as a respectful gesture to other families with small children in need of the room. Nursery care is offered during the 10:30 worship service for infants and pre-kindergarten children. A diaper changing station is located in the Nursery.

Large Print and Children's Bulletins are available on a table in the sanctuary narthex.

Hearing Assistance is provided by our system for hearing aids with a "loop system" switch position.

Week of August 15th at St. John's Christian Church

Sun	8:00AM	Worship (Sanctuary)
	8:30AM	Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR)
	9:15AM	Sunday School
	10:30AM	Worship (Sanctuary and YouTube Live)
Mon	1:00PM	Staff Meeting (Office Closed)
	6:15PM	Spiritual Council (Fireside Room)
	7:30PM	Consistory (Fireside Room)
Tue	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
Wed	6:00PM	Confirmation Pictures (Sanctuary)
Sun	8:00AM	Worship (Sanctuary)
	8:30AM	Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR)
	9:15AM	Sunday School, Faith Village
	10:30AM	Worship (Sanctuary and YouTube Live)

Next Sunday - August 22nd, 2021: Confirmation Sunday

Sermon - "Another Hard Teaching" Scriptures - John 6:52-69, Ephesians 6:10-20

Announcements

- ◆ **Change to 8/26 Senior Gathering** - Unfortunately, the Senior Saints musicians have had to cancel their time with us due to a number of the group dealing with Covid-19. While we pray all fully recover, we are making plans to have a program and luncheon for our own seniors that day. We'll start at 11:30am in the parish hall, with a special program leading up to a delicious luncheon. This will be the return of the monthly Thursday luncheons with Pastor Erich, with Judy Sears providing the meal. No sign up necessary - just come prepared to fellowship, eat and enjoy.
- ◆ **Community Meal Ministry** - We are striving to relaunch this Tuesday evening ministry on September 14th, serving from 5pm to 6pm. Area churches and organizations are currently working to schedule meal and serving teams. Meals will be held here at St. John's, so we are looking for volunteers to help with weekly set up and clean up, and teams to help prepare, serve, and host meals. Please contact Jocelyn or Pastor Erich if you are able to help with any aspects of this ministry. Thank you!
- ◆ **School Prayer Walk** - This Wednesday, August 18th at 7:00pm, Pastor Jason Sharp from Archbold United Methodist Church will guide a time of prayer as the 2021-2022 school year begins for Archbold Area Schools. People are invited to gather in the high school parking lot by 7:00pm, where all who gather will be divided into three groups to walk and pray in the halls of the elementary, middle, and high schools.
- ◆ **B.L.A.S.T. Sunday** - Don't forget! On September 12th, St. John's will blast off into a year of new ministry as we **Believe, Learn And Seek Truth** together! The day will consist of Christian education and fellowship for all ages, as well as an 8:00AM service of worship in the Chapel and a 10:30AM outdoor service of worship on the East lawn. A tentative schedule can be found in the August issue of The Visitor, and updates will be shared in future bulletin announcements and on Facebook.

Daily Discovery Guide

Discover Daily Devotional Guides are available in the hallway literature rack in the narthex (suggested donation \$6 each). You can also access the guide online at <https://scriptureunion.org/discovery/>. Below is the list of daily readings for this week:

August 15 – Global Praise For Grace.....Psalm 113
August 16 – Fear Of Heights.....Obadiah 1:1-14
August 17 – Do Unto Others.....Obadiah 1:15-21
August 18 – Making A Complaint.....Habakkuk 1:1-11
August 19 – Questions and Answers.....Habakkuk 1:12-2:1
August 20 – Silence Please.....Habakkuk 2:2-20
August 21 – Getting A Perspective.....Habakkuk 3

Prayer Joys, Concerns, Requests:

Please pray for...

- ◆ Carol DeVries, who is home recovering from injuries sustained when a bicyclist ran into her while she was walking on a sidewalk near her home Wednesday evening.
- ◆ Phyllis Swietzer, who came home Wednesday after being hospitalized for several days due to heart related issues.
- ◆ Wayne Spiess, who is recovering from Covid-19 and making slow improvements.
- ◆ Bob & Barbara Vos, as both are experiencing health issues, and Bob has been home for two weeks from Cleveland Clinic.
- ◆ Jodi Beltz, who continues to recover from fractures in both of her ankles.
- ◆ Bryce Winzeler, who returned home on Friday. We pray for his continued healing.
- ◆ Rev. Jim Barnes, National Minister of the Evangelical Association, who is recovering well from surgery on 8/4 to remove a malignant tumor from a lobe of his right lung.

Those serving in the Armed Forces...

- ◆ Brenden Bostelman, Deployed, Iraq (Army) (Grandson of Bill & Kathy)
- ◆ Kali Collins, Washington, DC (Air Force) (Granddaughter of Nan Neill)
- ◆ Kohl Collins, Ft. Myers, VA (Army) (Grandson of Nan Neill)
- ◆ Kyle Ducey, Deployed, USS Iwo Jima (Navy) (Son of Kelly & Betsy)
- ◆ Brayden Hall, Newton Falls, OH, attending Kent State (OANG) (Son of Vond & Mary)
- ◆ MAJ Jared Kuntz, Washington, DC (Army) (Son of Keith & Kelli)
- ◆ Eric Maag, Port Clinton, OH (Coast Guard) (Son of Joe & Sheryl Short)
- ◆ Shayne & Taylor Pitts, Albuquerque, NM (Air Force) (Granddaughter of Nan Neill)
- ◆ David Richardson, Okinawa, Japan (Marines) (Son of Shannon and Yesi)
- ◆ Joshua Richardson, Kaneohe, HI (Marines) (Son of Shannon and Yesi)
- ◆ Steve Schink, Chesterfield, MI (Coast Guard) (Son-in-law of Ed and Julie Ruffer)



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